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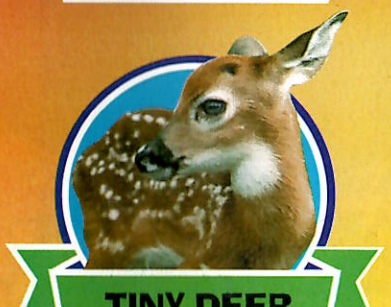

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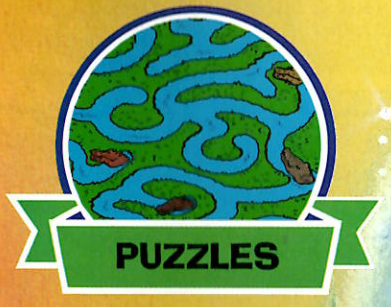

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# WELCOME, WALLY TRAVELLERS!

WE'RE OFF TO AMERICA'S SUNSHINE STATE - FLORIDA! I WANT TO SEE THE AMAZING NASA SPACE CENTRE AND WOOF'S GOING TO INTRODUCE US TO SOME SUPERCOOL ANIMALS FROM THE SWAMPS AND WOODS!

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## WALLY'S FAVOURITE FACTS

- Florida has more theme parks and tourist attractions than any other part of the world.
- The bald eagle is the national bird of the USA. He lives in the mountains and forests north of Florida.
- In Kitty Hawk, North Carolina in 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first flight in a plane which used an engine to take off and land. They flew for 37 m – that's less than the length of a Boeing 747 – but it was a start!
- An alligator farm called Gatorama sells packets of alligator dung for 99 cents in its gift shop. Yuk!
- In Sarasota, near Tampa Bay, it's against the law to sing while wearing a bathing suit!
- Florida is host to the International Worm Fiddling Contest, where people lure worms up to the surface by sticking a stake in the ground and making it vibrate.Weird!
- The state of Florida grows about a quarter of the world's orange crop.

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### SEARCH AND FIND

CAN YOU SPOT THESE CHARACTERS FROM THE SOUTHERN STATES IN THE PAGES OF THIS ISSUE? THERE'S AN ASTRONAUT SOMEWHERE TOO, IF YOU LOOK HARD ENOUGH ...

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## WALLY'S WORDS

CONDENSE - WHEN WATER VAPOUR COOLS, IT TURNS BACK TO WATER AND THIS IS CALLED CONDENSING.

CUMULONIMBUS - HUGE THUNDER CLOUDS WITH FLAT TOPS. CUMULUS IN LATIN MEANS HEAP AND NIMBUS MEANS RAIN-CARRYING. THESE ARE WHAT GATHER WHEN HURRICANES BLOW UP.

HIBERNATE - WILD ANIMALS DO THIS WHEN THEY HIDE AWAY AND SLEEP THROUGH THE WINTER.

MAMMAL - MAMMALS ARE CREATURES WHICH ARE SUCKLED BY THEIR MOTHER WHEN YOUNG. HUMANS, CATS, WHALES, MANATEES AND DOLPHINS ARE ALL MAMMALS!

METEOROLOGIST - A PERSON WHO STUDIES THE WEATHER AND CLIMATE.

SHOAL - WHEN FISH SWIM ABOUT IN BIG NUMBERS, THE GROUP IS CALLED A SHOAL AND IT OFFERS RICH PICKINGS FOR HUNGRY PELICANS!

TERRITORIES - IN THE CIVIL WAR, THESE WERE THE LANDS WHERE THE NATIVE AMERICANS LIVED WHICH WERE NOT PROPER AMERICAN STATES YET.

TROPICAL - THIS IS THE WORD USED FOR THE HOT BELT WHICH RUNS AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE EARTH. HURRICANES NEED TROPICAL TEMPERATURES TO DEVELOP.

WATER VAPOUR - THIS IS WATER WHICH IS CARRIED IN WARM AIR AS A GAS OR VAPOUR.

CIVIL WAR - THIS IS A WAR WHICH IS FOUGHT BETWEEN TWO SIDES IN ONE COUNTRY.


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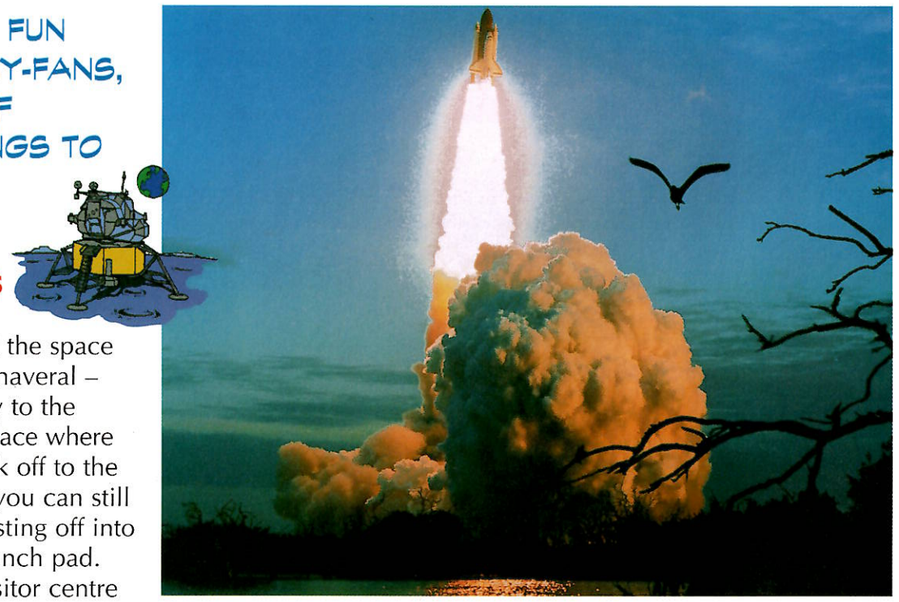
EXPLORING WITH WALLY

# Florida ADVENTURES

FLORIDA IS A FUN PLACE, WALLY-FANS, WITH LOTS OF EXCITING THINGS TO DO AND SEE!



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## Sky rockets

Three million people a year visit the space centre at Cape Canaveral – America's gateway to the stars. This is the place where Apollo rockets took off to the moon, and today you can still watch shuttles blasting off into space from the launch pad. Inside the huge visitor centre are giant cinema screens which show films of Earth and space, so you can experience what it's really like to be an astronaut in orbit. There is a full-size model of the space station Freedom to walk around, real rockets to climb aboard, fantastic space equipment to test and even rocks which have been collected from the moon.

**A space shuttle takes off for the stars from Cape Canaveral on Florida's east coast.**

## Daring dolphins

All kinds of sea creatures live in the waters of Sea World, Florida's huge marine park. There are friendly dolphins that perform incredible tricks, killer whales, penguins and colourful tropical fish. You can walk through glass tunnels and see sharks swiming overhead, and even stroke a stingray!

**Acrobatic dolphins are one of the most popular attractions at Sea World. You can see them every day in special shows.**

## WALLY'S WORD PUZZLE

SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE STARS APPEAR OUT OF SPACE WITH THIS PUZZLE. CHANGE ONE LETTER FROM THE FIRST WORD TO MAKE A WORD WHICH ANSWERS THE FIRST CLUE. WHEN YOU'VE GOT THIS WORD, CHANGE A LETTER IN THAT WORD TO FIT THE SECOND CLUE.

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| START OFF WITH SPACE ... | S P A C E |
| CHANGE ONE LETTER TO MAKE A WORD WHICH MEANS AN EXTRA TYRE ... | |
| THEN CHANGE ONE LETTER FOR A WORD WHICH MEANS TO LOOK VERY HARD... | |
| NOW CHANGE JUST ONE MORE LETTER ... | |

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**Spaceship Earth, the amazing entrance to Epcot.**

## WALT DISNEY WORLD

Walt Disney World in Florida covers 111 sq km (43 sq miles) and is as big as the city of Manchester! It has three main theme parks, each one full of incredible things to see and do!

## The Magic Kingdom

Each of the seven lands in the Magic Kingdom has its own special theme. Experience the Wild West, travel on jungle rivers, journey out into space and visit a spooky haunted mansion, while meeting all your favourite Disney characters. In the centre of the Magic Kingdom is Cinderella's Castle, where you can see incredible wall paintings that tell Cinderella's tale, and eat in a magnificent banqueting hall.

## Epcot

Epcot stands for Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow! It is a special theme park where you can look into the past, explore the present and be transported into the future with the very latest inventions and technology.

WHEN DO ASTRONAUTS EAT THEIR SANDWICHES?

LAUNCH TIME!

## Disney-MGM Studios

Visit a film studio, see actors performing amazing stunts and take a look behind the scenes of a Hollywood movie. There are thrilling rides based on the Star Wars films and the history of the cinema, and a theatre where you can learn about fabulous special effects.

**Cinderella's Castle is 55 m tall and lies at the centre of Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom.**

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# Saving the tiny Key DEER

THE FLORIDA KEYS ARE HOME TO THE WORLD'S TINIEST DEER - THE KEY DEER. OVER THE YEARS, PEOPLE HAVE HUNTED THEM AND CUT DOWN THE WOODS WHERE THEY LIVED - UNTIL THE DEER ALMOST DIED OUT.

Many thousands of years ago, the sea level around Florida rose, cutting off the islands of the Keys from the mainland. Key deer live on just a few of them, where there are pine woods to offer them shelter. Most live on Big Pine Key, one of the largest islands.

The Key deer are smaller and lighter than the deer on the mainland. They have reddish-brown or grey coats and adult males grow a full set of antlers. Not many baby deer, called fawns, live to be adults. Many baby deer drown or are killed by dogs or cars.

Key deer need plenty of fresh water, and they often swim from island to island to find drinking water. The deer eat 160 different types of plants. Unfortunately, they also like the junk food that visitors leave behind. Eating this makes them ill, so now it is against the law for visitors to feed them.

1 Long ago, Florida's tiny Key deer lived in peace.

2 Few people came to the islands, and the animals rarely saw human beings.

3 Three hundred years ago Europeans settled in the Keys. They hunted the deer for food.

4 In later centuries hunters lit fires to scare the deer out of the forests, making them easier to find and kill.

ALL THIS LAND MUST BE CLEARED FOR THE RAILROAD.
5 When roads and railways came to the Keys, the deer lost a lot of their natural habitat.
6 One man realised the deer were in danger. In 1934 J 'Ding' Darling, a cartoonist, printed a drawing in a newspaper of the deer being hunted.
I HAVE TO HELP THESE TINY DEER. THEY WILL DIE OUT SOON IF PEOPLE DON'T TRY TO SAVE THEM.
THIS LITTLE FAWN IS SAFE, BUT THERE ARE SO FEW DEER LEFT ON THE ISLANDS, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING FAST.
7 They found there were fewer than 50 deer left on the islands. Something had to be done to protect the deer from hunters and tourists, who fed them junk food which made them ill.
8 In 1957, Jack Watson set up a special refuge for the Key deer in Florida. It is now illegal to hunt or feed these tiny creatures.
NATIONAL KEY DEER REFUGE FLORIDA
THE DEER WILL BE SAFE FROM HARM INSIDE THIS REFUGE!
WE CAN WATCH THESE LOVELY DEER FROM THE SPECIAL NATURE TRAILS WITHOUT DISTURBING THEM.
9 Today there are over 300 deer living on the islands of the Keys. They are not out of danger, but their numbers are increasing and it looks as if they will be saved.

# NORTH and SOUTH

BACK IN 1861, PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN STATES WENT TO WAR AGAINST THOSE IN THE NORTH. READ ON TO FIND WHAT IT WAS ABOUT ...

## How it started

After Christopher Columbus discovered America over 500 years ago, Europeans started to settle there. In Florida and the south, the settlers got rich, farming cotton and tobacco. They got slaves to do all their work for them – and this was where the trouble started.

## Slave workers

Traders brought boatloads of African people to America and sold them as slaves to the rich farmers. Slaves were not paid to work and many were badly treated. By the mid 19th century there were thousands of slaves in the south.

In states in the north of America it was against the law to keep slaves. The people there believed the slaves should earn money like free men and have a say in how the country was run. The southern farmers didn't want to lose their slave workers, so they split from the United States of America and became the CONFEDERATE States.

## Battle begins

The CIVIL WAR began in 1861 and lasted almost five years. The war threatened to split and destroy the United States.

The states in the north were not just fighting against slavery. They wanted the United States to come back together as one land. In the south, the Confederate States would not rejoin the Union if it meant giving up their right to keep slaves. They wanted to be separate, and even elected their own president.

**The slaves who worked on the farms and plantations in the South were owned by the rich farmers and had no freedom to come and go. Some managed to escape and went north to join the Union Army and fight for the freedom of those left behind.**

**Union soldiers from the North were better kitted out for war than the southern farmers.**

## The bitter end

In the North there were many industries which kept the Union Army supplied with food and equipment. But the South was a farming area, and could not keep going with the men away fighting.

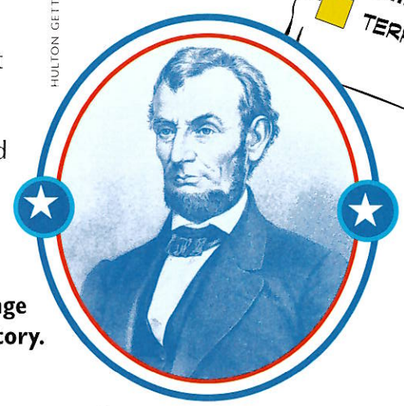
By1863 the Confederate Army was exhausted and the farmlands had been destroyed by the fighting. They had to give in – but it was five years before they agreed not to use slaves in the South. The states stayed divided for many years.

**Abraham Lincoln's fight against slavery helped change the course of American history.**

## Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer, but he came from a poor family, and felt that it was wrong to keep slaves. In 1860 he became President of the United States of America, and this was one of the reasons why the war started. As President, he did all he could to stamp out slavery – and this made the people in the South turn against him.

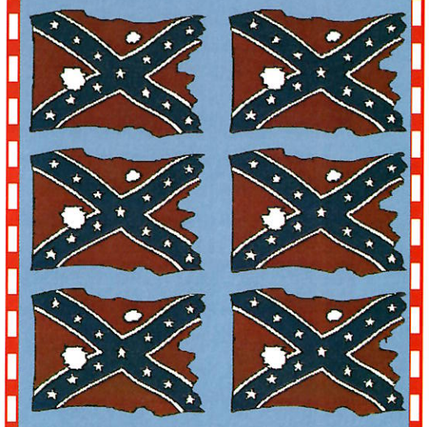
Abraham Lincoln lived just long enough to see the end of the fighting, but he died before the South agreed to get rid of slavery. Only five days after the South surrendered, an actor who supported the Southern cause shot Lincoln while he was watching a play at the theatre. He died the next day, but his work made sure that the thousands who were killed in the fight against slavery had not died in vain.



HULTON GETTY

## FLAG PUZZLE

THE CONFEDERATE FLAG TOOK A BATTERING IN THE WAR - CAN YOU SPOT THE TWO THAT ARE THE SAME?



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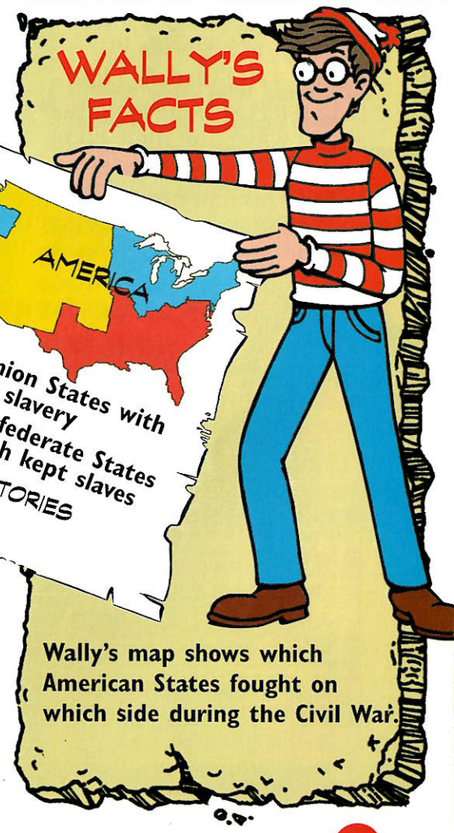


**Wally's map shows which American States fought on which side during the Civil War.**

EXPLORING WITH WALLY

# Wildest WEATHER

WOW! HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS, WALLY-WATCHERS - THERE'S A MASSIVE STORM HEADING THIS WAY!

## Fishy hurricanes

Hurricanes are huge revolving thunderstorms with winds above 119 kph (74 mph).They start out at sea around Florida, and over hot TROPICAL seas, but often move inland where they can cause terrible damage. Hurricane Andrew, which struck Florida in August 1992, had 235 kph (145 mph) winds and caused a tidal wave 5 m high. One man found a small shark washed up into his swimming pool, while others found fish in their TV sets!

## Storm tracking

METEOROLOGISTS try to spot a hurricane as soon as it starts, so they can warn people to move out of its way until it passes. To do this, they check satellite pictures for clusters of storm clouds over the sea. These may turn into hurricanes, and if this happens, the new hurricane is given a name straight away. This is taken from an alphabetical list of boys' and girls' names, drawn up each year.

**A hurricane's swirling winds are so strong they can rip trees up by their roots.**

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**To see how a hurricane builds up, start at the centre and read the captions in order. The whirling winds leave an area of calm in the centre, called the eye of the storm.**

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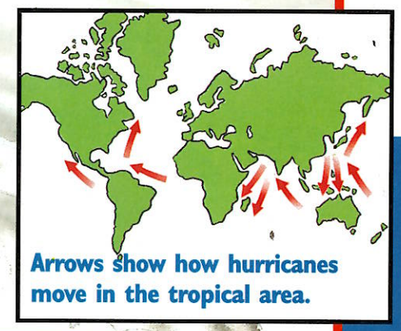
**Hurricanes can travel thousands of kilometres and last for weeks. They die out when they reach areas with cooler temperatures.**



**Arrows show how hurricanes move in the tropical area.**

**5 Rings of huge CUMULONIMBUS clouds form.**

**4 Water vapour in the air CONDENSES giving off lots of heat. This makes the air rise even faster, and the surface winds get faster too.**

**3 Warm, moist air rises in a spiral column at the centre of the storm.**

**8 Often the hurricane sucks up sea water, building up a huge wall of water at its base. This is called a storm surge and will cause flooding if it hits the coast.**

**1 Warm sea over 27°C.**

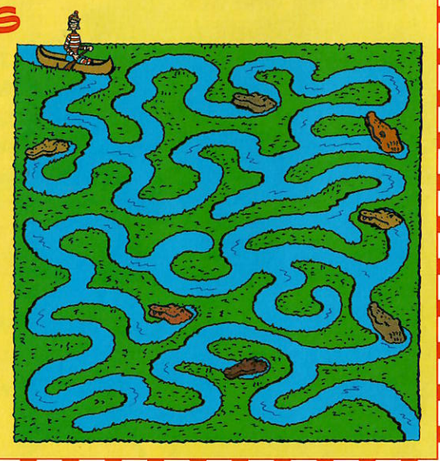
**7 Rain beats down fiercely.**

**6 As the hurricane's huge clouds crash together, they cause thunder and lightning.**

**2 Strong winds blow over the sea.**

## WENDA'S MAZE

WENDA'S TRYING TO FIND HER WAY ALONG THIS ALLIGATOR-INFESTED RIVER - BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE SAFE ROUTE! CAN YOU HELP HER FIND IT? WATCH OUT FOR ALL THOSE SNAPPING JAWS AND SHARP TEETH!



WHY DID THE LIGHTNING BOLT? BECAUSE IT HEARD THE THUNDER CLAP!

## WALLY FACTS

THE ENERGY IN A MASSIVE HURRICANE COULD LIGHT UP MORE LIGHT BULBS THAN THERE ARE IN THE WHOLE OF THE USA.

GREETINGS, WALLY SPACE TRAVELLERS!

THINGS DON'T SEEM TO BE GOING TOO SMOOTHLY DOWN AT THE LAUNCH SITE. TAKE A CLOSER LOOK ...

I'M ALREADY THERE CHECKING IT OUT - HAVE YOU FOUND ME YET?

HERE ARE SOME MORE THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

- SOMEONE REALLY COOL IN PINK SUNGLASSES
- AN ASTRONAUT WITH AN UNEXPECTED FISH
- A GREEN AND YELLOW BUTTERFLY
- A COUPLE OF COLOURFUL BIRDS FROM THE FLORIDA SWAMPS

CAN YOU SPOT A PIECE OF HEADGEAR FROM WHERE I'M GOING NEXT WEEK?

STAND BY FOR TAKE-OFF, WALLY SPACE FANS!

Where's Wally? characters © (1996) Martin Handford

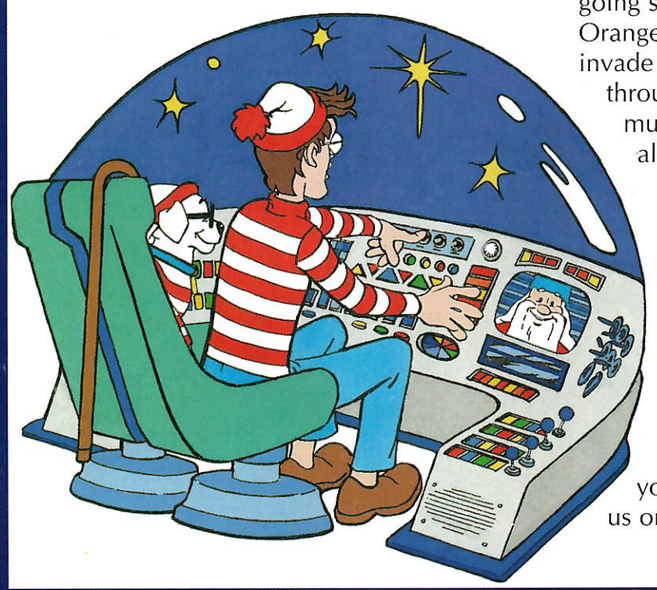
# WALLY IN SPACE

**Being in outer space isn't as cool as it looks! Join Wally and Woof as they sort out a really hot problem ...**

Wally and Woof were busy at the controls of a simulated space shuttle at Spaceport USA. That clever canine, Woof, had heard about dogs and humans in space, and wanted to find out more. So did Wally. And so did Odlaw, who was cunningly hidden among a party of visitors.

'Oh, how I'd love to blast him off to a galactic never-never-land and leave him there,' Odlaw muttered to himself.

As Wally pressed knobs, lights glowed red and green and Woof barked a countdown – 10-9-8-7-6 ... Just then a monitor flashed into life and Wizard Whitebeard's face appeared on the screen. 'Hello holidaymakers, fancy a really real trip to Ultimate Galaxy?'

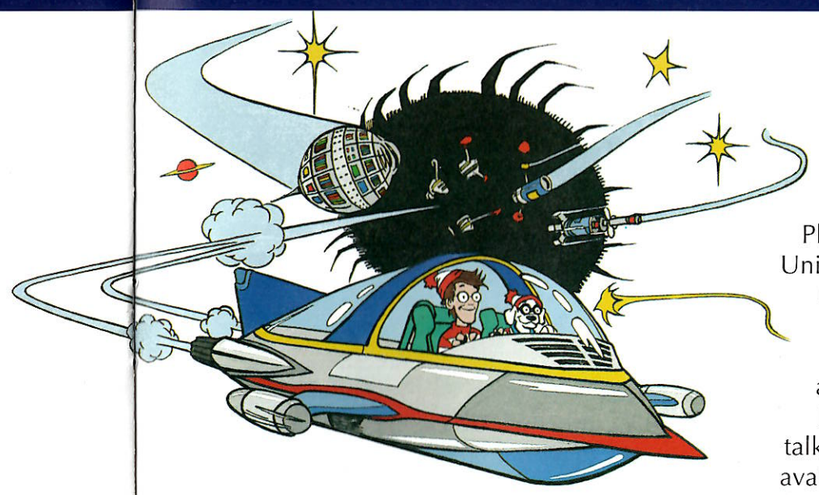


Woof barked in delight and Wally said, 'Wow, we certainly would. It's been a little quiet here, Whitebeard. Anything happening there?'

'There certainly is. Outer Space is going starcrazy. The people of Planet Orange – the Zingos – are threatening to invade Florida. The message came through on the intergalactic net. You must get to them Wally, before it's all too late.'

'We're ready for blast-off, Whitebeard,' said Wally. Minutes later they were standing by a spaceship on the launch pad. Ground staff handed them helmets, parachutes and vitamin pills. One of them shook hands with Wally and Woof. 'I'm Major-General Strongarm Jr, and my team will be ready to pick you up at splashdown. Just contact us on the intergalactic net.'





Wally climbed into the spacecraft, holding Woof and his magic walking stick. Unknown to them, Odlaw had already sneaked himself on board, hidden in a huge lunchbox of Outer Space dinners and dog biscuits. 'Good luck, guys,' called Strongarm, and began the countdown. '... 5-4-3-2-1.'

There was a deafening roar and they were up and away, making an orbit of earth and entering the darkness of space. All around them, the Milky Way flashed red, blue, green and yellow. Wally guided the spacecraft carefully past comets and shooting stars. Woof barked a greeting at the brilliant Dog Star, Sirius. Suddenly a huge black shape loomed up, blotting out the lights of space. It was chomping everything in sight – satellites, old space modules, meteors and planets.

'Look Woof, a black hole,' shouted Wally. He used his stick to slide all the power controls to full at once, and the spacecraft broke free of the monster's sucking power. Inside the lunchbox, Odlaw turned green. 'Either I've eaten too many vitamin pills, or space travel doesn't suit me,' he moaned. 'This trip had better be worth my while.'

At last the fiery glow of Planet Orange beamed into sight. Wally stopped the spacecraft at a safe distance and keyed into the intergalactic net. 'To Zingo leaders, Planet Orange, Ultimate Galaxy, the Universe. This is Wally from Planet Earth, near the Milky Way, the Universe. Please meet with me on space platform for friendly talks about the Florida invasion.'

Back came the reply. 'No drinks, no talks.' Wally answered, 'Refreshments available. Please bring sample of Planet Orange Rock.'

Wally and Woof put on their helmets, opened the hatch and floated out of the spacecraft on to the platform. A slender wire attached it to the space vehicle. 'Someone's coming, Woof,' said Wally, pointing to a small spaceship cruising towards them. The spaceship hovered above them as two figures appeared and lowered themselves on to the platform by a rope ladder. They were small with large green eyes and purple faces. They sparked and sizzled as they moved.

'Where are the drinks?' they gasped. Their breath was so hot that Wally and Woof stepped back. Steam was pouring from their ears and noses. Wally grabbed some cans of chilled orange juice and handed then over. The Zingos poured the drinks straight down their throats and beamed happily. As they cooled down, their faces turned blue and the steam died down.

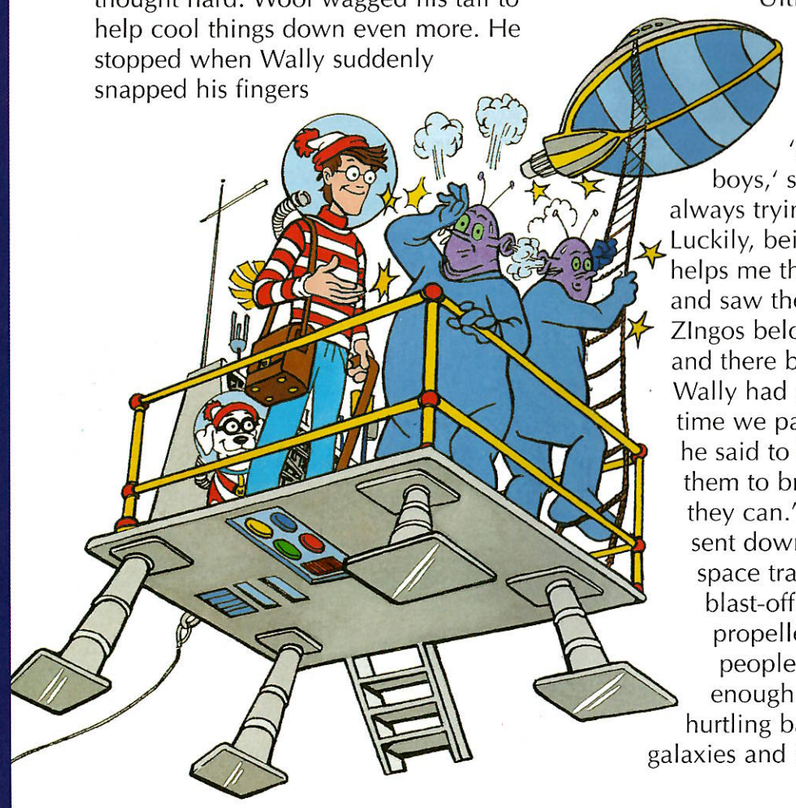
'Thank you, Wally. I am Pip and this is Pop.' Wally and Woof saluted politely, thinking it safer not to touch them just yet. Pip continued. 'Our planet's got a bad case of galactic warming. It's been getting hotter and hotter and we're in danger of total meltdown. That's why we wanted to come down to Florida, home of the orange, to get a lifetime's supply.

of drinks. There are thousands of us on the planet, you see, and together we're about as hot as a supernova. It's a very dangerous situation indeed.'

They looked down as Pip pointed towards Planet Orange – the hills and craters were dark with purple-faced figures gazing at the platform and sending up clouds of steam. Wally and Woof waved. As the Zingos waved back the atmosphere sparked and sizzled.

Pip went on, 'We've been building a giant spaceship to carry us all down to earth. It's called Operation Florida Cocktail. You've arrived just one day before it's due to be finished. Everyone is all set to jump on board tomorrow and head for Earth.'

Wally leant on his walking stick and thought hard. Woof wagged his tail to help cool things down even more. He stopped when Wally suddenly snapped his fingers



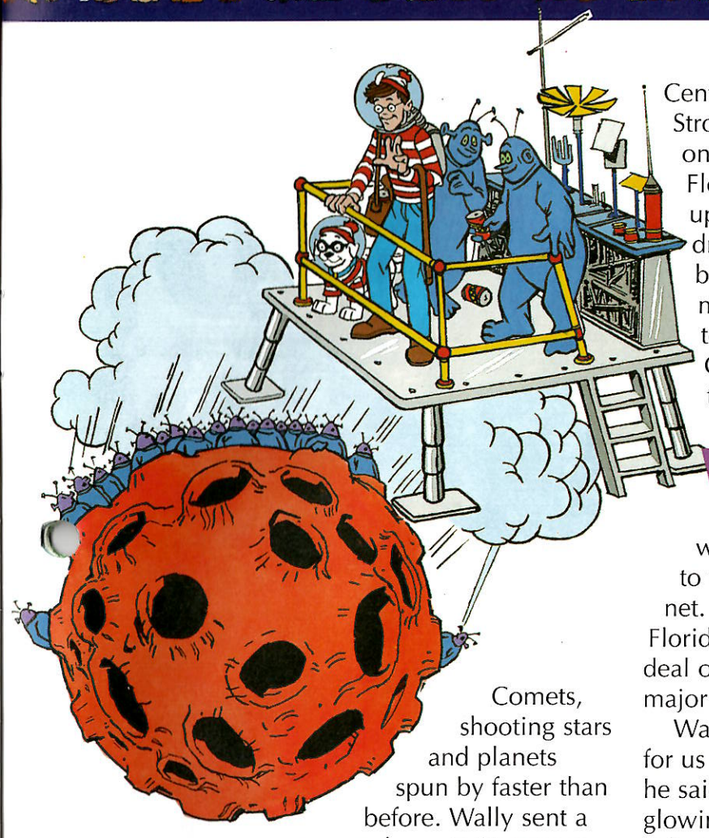
and exclaimed, 'I've got the answer. We'll make sure you have a constant drinks supply, and in return you can do museum duty at Spaceport USA. The public would love to meet people from another planet. So will you call off Operation Florida Cocktail now?'

Pip and Pop looked hot and uncomfortable again. 'We feel we can trust you, Wally, but first we need to know your companions on earth will agree to the plan. Can we come back with you and meet them?'

'With pleasure,' replied Wally.

'Uh-oh, not so fa-a-ast,' called Odlaw, leaning out of the spacecraft. With one snip he had cut the platform's lifeline. 'Happy orbiting, earthlings,' he yelled as he zoomed away from Ultimate Galaxy in the direction of Earth. The platform began circling Planet Orange. 'Don't mind him, boys,' said Wally, 'He's always trying to ruin things. Luckily, being in space really helps me think.' He looked down and saw the massed forces of the ZIngos below them, hidden here and there by clouds of steam. Wally had a bright idea. 'Next time we pass over your people,' he said to Pip and Pop, 'tell them to breathe up as hard as they can.' The Zingo leaders sent down the message and the space travellers stood by for blast-off. The steamy heat propelled upwards by the people of Planet Orange was enough to send the platform hurtling back through the galaxies and into Earth orbit.





Comets, shooting stars and planets spun by faster than before. Wally sent a message down to Strongarm that they were on target for splashdown.

As the coast of Florida came into view, Wally handed out parachutes from his bag. 'You're about to be really cool,' he told Pip and Pop with a laugh, as they landed in the clear blue water of Cocoa Beach. The two Zingos splashed about delightedly. Woof dog-paddled towards a speedboat that was racing in their direction. It was Strongarm and his team.

'Congratulations, Wally,' he called through a loudspeaker. 'Glad to see you back safely. Climb aboard, everyone. My pleasure, gentlemen,' he said as Wally introduced the Zingos.

'We didn't really want to invade your territory,' explained Pip, 'We're just desperate to cool down.' At the Space Centre Wally put forward his idea. Strongarm grinned and slapped him on the back. 'Great idea, Wally. The Florida Drinks Company can send up a weekly shuttle full of iced drinks to Planet Orange, and bring back a group of Zingos. They can meet visitors to our museum and tell them about life in Ultimate Galaxy. Like, Real Reality comes to us from Outer Space.'

Strongarm's team prepared to send the first load of drinks to Ultimate Galaxy, while Pip and Pop sent a message to their people on the intergalactic net. ' Suspend all work on Operation Florida Cocktail. Invasion off. Drinks deal on. Prepare Planet Orange for major cooling operation.'

Wally looked at Woof. 'Time for us to go. Oh, thanks, Pip,' he said, as a piece of glowing orange and white striped rock was pressed into his hand. 'I can't wait for Whitebeard to sample this. Come on, Woof, let's go.'

THE END

NEXT WEEK: WALLY AND WOOF ARE OFF TO INDIA.

AMAZING ANIMALS

# WATER WORLD

WOOF CAN DO THE DOGGY PADDLE, BUT THESE ANIMALS ARE MUCH MORE SUITED TO THE WET LIFE! LET'S TAKE A DIP AND SEE WHO'S WHO!

PLANET EARTH PICTURES – MARTY SNYDERMAN

## Manatee

The first manatees were alive as long as 16 million years ago. Although they're also called sea cows, their closest relatives today are elephants! They live in the clear waters along the Atlantic coast, but the heavy traffic of tourists in boats around Florida makes the waters dangerous for these gentle, slow-moving MAMMALS.

The Florida manatee is the largest of the sea cows, growing up to 4 m long, and weighing about 1.5 tonnes, that's more than two minis! Manatees feed their young underwater, cradling them with their flippers like a mother and her child. From a distance they're almost human, and they are probably what sailors saw long ago when they talked of seeing mermaids!

**Manatees help clear the weeds in man-made water-ways. They can eat up to 90 kg a day!**

## Turtle power

The turtle is a reptile, a close relative of the tortoise, and lives all over Florida, in fresh and sea water. Their hard shell is made up of plates of bone joined to the spine. The shells have small air pockets to help them float close to the surface.

**Turtles have no teeth, so they use their jaws to tear food.**

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### ODLAW'S AWFUL ANAGRAMS

CAN YOU SORT OUT ODLAW'S MIXED UP WORDS - THEY ARE ALL THINGS YOU WOULD FIND IN FLORIDA AND THE SOUTH. TO HELP YOU OUT, ONE'S A REPTILE, ONE SWIMS IN THE SEA AND THREE ARE BIRDS. THE OTHER THING IS LAUNCHED UP INTO THE SKY.

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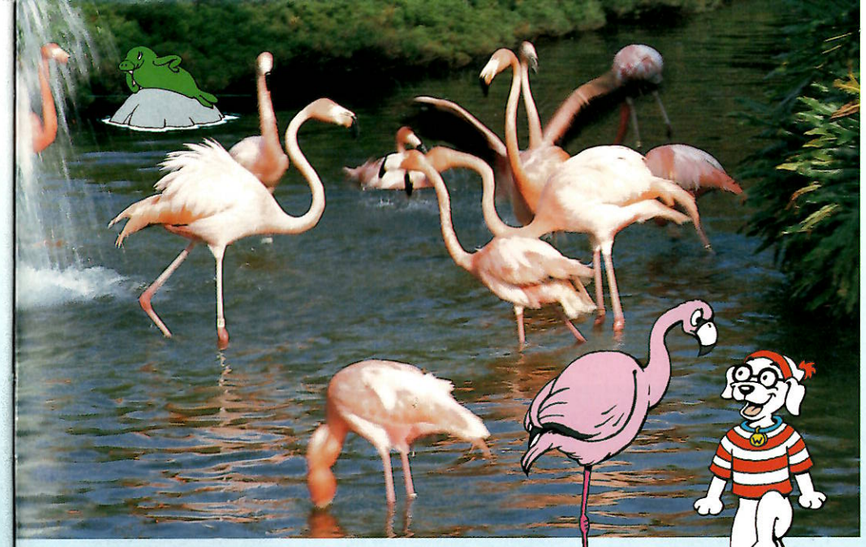

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**Flamingos live around the swampy coast of Florida. They often balance on one leg!**

## Think pink

Florida is home to hundreds of different birds, but only two are really in the pink! The spoonbill has a long, flat beak, that widens into a spoon shape at the tip. It swings this from side to side in the shallow water, sieving out tiny bits of food. The flamingo's crooked beak has special filters which trap the shrimp and plant life in the water. It's their shrimpy diet that gives these two birds their stunning colour.

## Later alligator

Alligators are also reptiles, but are very different from the shy turtles. In Florida they farm alligators for their skins and meat. They'll even sell you a bag of dry droppings for 99 cents! Many of the marshes where the alligators live have been drained, so these days, the people of Miami often find that these snappy reptiles have moved into their swimming pools!

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**Unhatched baby alligators 'talk' to each other by tapping from the inside of their eggshells!**

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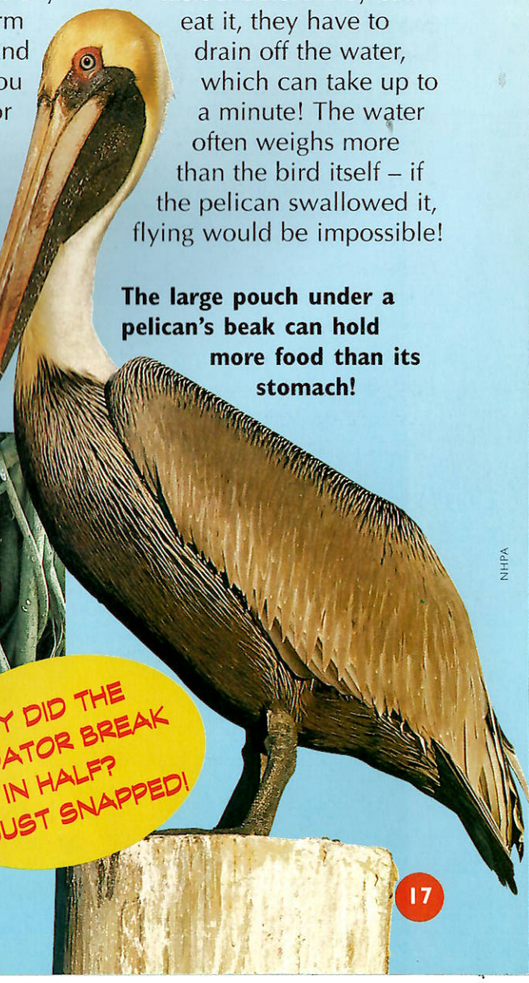
**This is a roseate spoonbill – which just means it's pink!**

## A pelican can

Brown pelicans live in the swamps of the Everglades and around the coast of Florida, where they nest in the treetops. Under their large flat bill, they have a big, stretchy pouch called a gular. When a pelican dives on a SHOAL of fish, the gular fills with water, and by snapping their beak shut, they trap their dinner inside. Before they can eat it, they have to drain off the water, which can take up to a minute! The water often weighs more than the bird itself – if the pelican swallowed it, flying would be impossible!

**The large pouch under a pelican's beak can hold more food than its stomach!**



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WHY DID THE ALLIGATOR BREAK IN HALF? IT JUST SNAPPED!

AMAZING ANIMALS

# WILD WOODLANDERS

LET'S CHECK OUT THE CREATURES WHO LIVE IN THE WOODS. THESE CHEEKY RACCOONS SPOTTED WOOF BEFORE HE SAW THEM!

## Hidden animals

All sorts of creatures live in the thick forests and dark cypress swamps of the Everglades National Park. They're just the place for shy animals like the panther to hide, while the raccoons and black bears can't wait for the human visitors to arrive!

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**The beautiful Florida panther is very rare – there are only 30 to 50 alive today.**

## Raccoon raiders!

Raccoons get up to all sorts of mischief looking for food – they beg for scraps at roadsides, rummage around in dustbins and raid visitors' tents. They've even learnt how to unscrew jars and take out bottle stoppers! Raccoons are expert climbers and scamper from tree to tree, watching for the chance of a tasty meal down below.

## Leaping panthers

Florida panthers keep out of man's way, hiding among the cypress swamp trees. Their brownish fur helps them blend into the background as they hunt for food such as mice and deer.

**Raccoons are members of the panda family. They have panda-style black eyes which look like bandit masks. All the better for sneaking off with the best bits of your picnic!**



WHY DID THE RACCOON RUN AND HIDE? HE KNEW HE HAD A BEAR BEHIND!

**You can tell a bear's age by counting the rings on its teeth – if you want to get that close!**

Panthers are powerful jumpers and can leap up to 11 m over the ground – that's 2 m more than the world long jump record! They can also jump safely from the top of trees higher than houses. Their tails are almost as long as their bodies, and this helps them to balance as they leap.

## Black bears

Bears have poor eyesight and rely on their sense of smell to find food. But they're smart too, and soon learn clever tricks. One bear found that jumping on the roof of one type of car made the doors pop open, so it could steal the food inside!

Although they don't actually **HIBERNATE**, black bears sleep through most of the winter and spend their waking hours hunting and eating. Cubs are born just one hundredth the size of their mother, but adult bears are huge – and can put on weight at the rate of 2.3 kg a day. In spite of this, they can run at speeds up to 40 kmph (25 mph) and are very nimble climbers!

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## ANIMAL HUNT

CAN YOU SPOT THE NINE CREATURES HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE BELOW? YOU'LL HAVE TO LOOK VERY CAREFULLY!

**The panther has many names, including mountain lion, puma or cougar, but the Florida panther is special to the southern U.S.A.**

# HI THERE, PUZZLE FANS

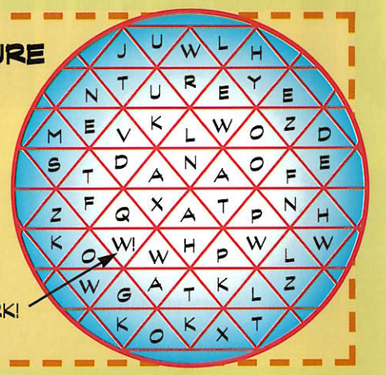
SEE WHAT YOU MAKE OF OUR PUZZLES. YOU NEED TO HAVE READ ALL ABOUT FLORIDA, I CAN TELL YOU! ANSWERS ARE ON THE BACK COVER.

## 5-LINE RHYME

A FLAMINGO ONCE TOLD A PUMA
THAT A RANGER WAS COMING
TO GROOM HER!
IN CASE THE MAN DID,
SHE RAN OFF AND HID,
BUT IN FACT IT WAS ONLY A RUMOUR!

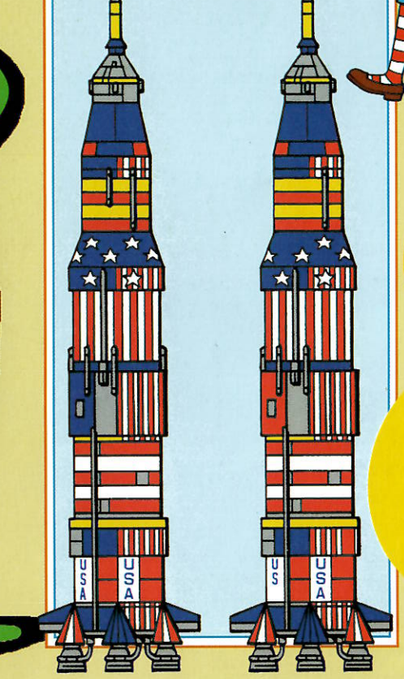
## WALLY'S EPCOT ADVENTURE

WALLY AND WOOF ARE EXPLORING SPACESHIP EARTH AT EPCOT. CAN YOU STRING THE LETTERS TOGETHER TO READ WHAT WALLY THINKS ABOUT IT? THE LETTERS MUST TOUCH EACH OTHER TO MAKE A WINDING LINE. THERE ARE FIVE WORDS -THE FIRST ONE ENDS WITH THE LETTER WITH AN EXCLAMATION MARK!




## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

THESE ROCKETS ARE NOT THE SAME - THERE ARE EIGHT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM. CAN YOU SPOT THEM, WALLY PUZZLERS?

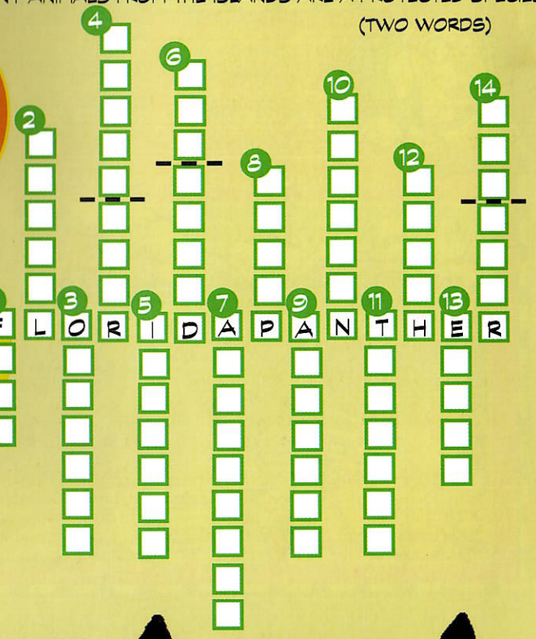



## MONSTER WORD PUZZLE

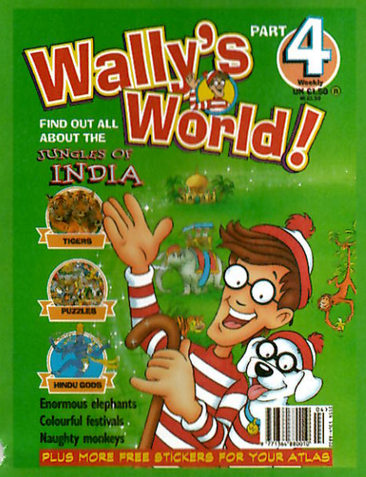
1 PELICANS CATCH THESE IN THEIR BEAKS
2 THE MANATEE ISN'T A FISH - IT'S ONE OF THESE
3 YOU'LL FIND DISNEY WORLD NEAR THIS TOWN IN FLORIDA
4 THIS CHEEKY ANIMAL MAY GO FOR YOUR PICNIC (TWO WORDS)
5 THE FLORIDA KEYS ARE A GROUP OF THESE
6 THIS IS THE PLACE FOR WATCHING DOLPHINS PERFORM (TWO WORDS)
7 THESE TOOTHY ANIMALS ARE RELATED TO THE CROCODILE
8 THE EVERGLADES ARE THIS TYPE OF LAND
9 THIS IS THE TOWN WHERE THE OLYMPIC GAMES WERE HELD
10 THIS ANIMAL HAS A STRIPY TAIL AND TWO LOVELY BLACK EYES
11 THESE SWIM ABOUT IN THE SEA AROUND FLORIDA
12 THE STATES HERE FOUGHT AGAINST THE SOUTH IN THE CIVIL WAR
13 TAKE A TRIP HERE TO LOOK AT HOW LIFE MAY BE IN THE FUTURE
14 THESE TINY ANIMALS FROM THE ISLANDS ARE A PROTECTED SPECIES (TWO WORDS)

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PARTY AT SEA WORLD? EVERYONE HAD A WHALE OF A TIME

WHAT DID THE ASTRONAUT SEE WHEN HE WAS COOKING HIS TEA? AN UNIDENTIFIED FRYING OBJECT




# WHERE'S WALLY NEXT WEEK?

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# TRUE OR FALSE?

**1** Flamingos are pink because they eat red ants and beetroot

**2** The manatee is a mammal

**3** Black bears have sharp eyesight

**4** Raccoons are members of the panda family

**5** Abraham Lincoln fought to stamp out slavery

**6** The Confederate flag was the Stars and Stripes

**7** Key deer get their name because they live on the islands of the Florida Keys

**8** The panther is also known as a mountain lion

**9** Alligators hatch out of eggs

**10** Ocean Universe is the water theme park in Florida

**11** The space shuttle is launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida

**12** Hurricanes only start in areas with hot weather

**13** Hurricanes are named after US Presidents

## ALL THE ANSWERS (NO PEEKING!)

**Inside front cover!: Search and Find** Pelican – **page 3**, Southern lady – **page 6**, alligator – **page 9**, Confederate soldier – **page 15**, manatee – **page 17**. Did you spot this astronaut in the Wally story border?

**page 3: Wally's Word Puzzle**
Change C to R to make SPARE.
Change P to T to make STARE.
Change E to S to make STARS.

**page 7: Flag Puzzle** The two flags which are the same are the ones on the top and bottom right.

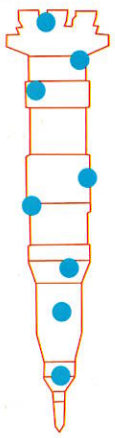
**page 10 - 11:** Wally's in the centre, behind the yellow pillar; the pink sunglasses are below and to the left of Wally; the astronaut with the fish is right below Wally; the butterfly is on the right, below the man with the hose; there is one flamingo at the bottom to the left of centre and another on the far right, in the middle; there's an Indian turban just below the falling space capsule.

**page 16: Odlaw's Awful Anagrams** The reptile is an alligator; the sea-dweller is a dolphin; the birds are pelican, spoonbill and flamingo; the shuttle is launched into the sky.

**page 19: Animal Hunt** Porcupine, bottom left; raccoon, left of centre, tail near the water; bear, on his back right of the raccoon; fox, running across raccoon's back; eagle, upside down in the sky, right of centre; pelican, right of centre, dipping beak in water; deer, far right, behind pelican; turkey, face overlapping deer and snake in the water.

**page 20: Wally's Epcot Adventure** Wally says 'Wow, what an adventure!'

**Crossword** | fish, 2 mammal, 3 Orlando, 4 black bear, 5 islands, 6 Sea World, 7 alligator, 8 swamp, 9 Atlanta, 10 raccoon, 11 turtles, 12 North, 13 Epcot, 14 key deer.

**Spot the Difference** The eight differences are shown on the left.

**Back Cover: True or False?** 1 false, 2 true, 3 false, 4 true, 5 true, 6 false, 7 true, 8 true, 9 true, 10 false, 11true, 12 true, 13 false.